EXHATE NATURAL RESOURCES

EXHIBIT NO. _ |

DATE Jan. 26, 2009

RESOLUTION 2008 - 08

CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to support the National Association of Counties position on the Clean Water Restoration Act.

WHEREAS, there is legislation currently before Congress to amend the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, as drafted the legislation would create a serious problem for counties by imposing burdensome requirements; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is working closely with Congressional members to find solutions that will protect America's waters but not create burdensome regulations; and

WHEREAS, as the organization that is America's Counties voice before Congress, NACo is best suited to represent counties interests; <u>and</u>

WHEREAS, MACo opposes changing the definition in the Clean Water Restoration Act from "navigable waters" to "VVaters of the U.S.":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of Counties support the National Association of Counties position adopted July 2008.

SPONSOR:

MACo Districts 1, 2 and 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Do pass

PRIORITY:

High

REFERRED TO:

All MACo Committees

ADOPTED:

Annual Conference, Hamilton, MT September 24, 2008